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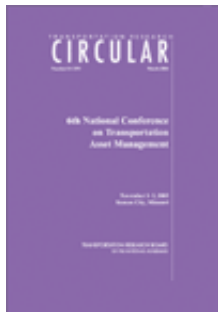
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Denver Service Center Receives Two Planning Awards – Patrick Shea and Patricia Sacks, National Park Service



The Denver Service Center has been recognized by the American Planning Association's Federal Planning Division with two awards: the Lewis and Clark Transportation System won in the category of "Outstanding Sustainable Planning, Design or Development Initiative," and the Mount Rainier Transportation Corridor Studies was the winner in the "Outstanding Collaborative Planning Project or Program" category. The 2005 awards were determined by a team led by Professor Kent Butler at the University of Texas, Austin.

Transportation Asset Management Conference Proceedings – Thomas Canick, National Park Service



The Transportation Research Board's "[6th National Conference on Transportation Asset Management](#)" was held November 1- 3, 2005 in Kansas City, MO. This new circular summarizes each of the conference sessions and technical presentations on topics ranging from pavement preservation and asset management to a variety of transit and rail issues.

Traveler Information System – U.S. Department of Transportation Intelligent Transportation Systems Joint Program Office



A new report presents the findings of an evaluation of the 511 telephone traveler information system "[Model Deployment](#)" in Arizona. The Arizona 511 Model Deployment brought together data from various sources and provided useful information to travelers through a state-of-the-art telephone interface. The national evaluation measured usage and user satisfaction, and documented costs and lessons learned. The Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration jointly sponsored the Arizona 511 Model Deployment.

Park Road Safety – Susan Grosser, National Park Service

As discussed in a previous issue (December 2005, Issue No. 1), the safety of visitors traveling in the parks continues to be a top priority of the Parks Roads and Parkways Program. The collection and analysis of traffic accident data is crucial to identifying factors that contribute to safety problems and solutions.

The NPS has made significant progress in submitting and updating traffic accident data. In the past two years, annual submission of key traffic accident reports has increased from 28% to 70%. While a definite improvement, we continue to need your assistance in obtaining this data. Please send your traffic accident information to: Nancy Arwood, Denver Service Center, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, P.O. Box 25287, Lakewood, CO, 80225-0287. She can be reached by phone at: 303/969-2608. If you encounter technical problems with the software or with transmitting data, we can provide assistance.

Transportation Research E-Newsletter – Russell Houston, Transportation Research Board



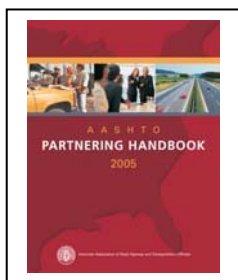
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Seeking Information on One-Way and Reversible Lane Roads – David Kack, Research Associate, Western Transportation Institute, Montana State University



The [Western Transportation Institute](#) has been working with several national parks to develop transportation (traffic) management plans. These transportation plans focus on near-term and long-term solutions. As part of this process, the Institute has been investigating the use of one-way and reversible lane roads as part of traffic management strategies. If your park has investigated or implemented one-way or reversible lanes, please contact dkack@coe.montana.edu to provide information. The Western Transportation Institute (WTI) is designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation as a University Transportation Center. WTI is a department within the College of Engineering at Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana.

Partnering Handbook – The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)



The AASHTO Subcommittee on Quality has developed a handbook to help educate key customers and partners on the benefits and methods of adopting partnering principles. No matter what business you are in, this handbook can help make partnering a way of life in everyday activities. Following the guidelines set forth in this handbook will help your organization become a more valuable stakeholder in any business endeavor. The NPS has one complimentary copy available, or you can purchase the "*Partnering Handbook*" directly from the [AASHTO Bookstore](#). AASHTO is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association representing highway and transportation departments in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

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